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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Van Hauwe P. et al., "Two Frequent Missense Mutations in Pendred Syndrome", *Human Molecular Genetics, 7(7)*:1099-1104 (1998), XP-002454422;

2. Leroy B.P. et al., "Spectrum of Mutations in *USH2A* in British Patients with Usher Syndrome Type II", *Experimental Eye Research, 72(5)*:503-509 (2001), XP-002454423;

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3. Nájera C. et al., "Mutations in Myosin VIIA (*MYO7A*) and Usherin (*USH2A*) in Spanish Patients with Usher Syndrome Types I and II, Respectively", *Human Mutation 20(1)*:1-7 (2002), XP-002454425;

4. Bogazzi F. et al., "A Novel Mutation in the Pendrin Gene Associated with Pendred's Syndrome", *Clinical Endocrinology, 52(3)*:279-285 (2000), XP-002454424; and

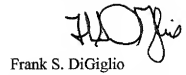
5. Weston M.D. et al., "Genomic Structure and Identification of Novel Mutations in Usherin, the Gene Responsible for Usher Syndrome Type IIa", *American Journal of Human Genetics., 66(4)*:1199-1210 (2000), XP-002454426.

The references were cited in a Supplementary Search Report dated October 30, 2007 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a copy of the Supplementary Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Supplementary Search Report. It is further respectfully submitted that the other six references cited in the Supplementary Search Report, namely, PCT International Publication No. WO 99/09210, published February 25, 1999; United States Patent Publication No. 2002/0098496 A1, published July 25, 2002 to Lipshutz et al.; PCT International Publication No. WO 95/01454, published January 12,1995; Kelsell D.P. et al., "Connexin 26 Mutations in Hereditary Non-Syndromic Sensorineural Deafness", *Nature 387*:80-83 (1997), XP-002092848; Chen Z-Y et al., "An Inner Ear Gene Expression Database", *Journal of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology 3(2)*:140-148 (2002), XP-002294044; and Petit C. et al., "Molecular Genetics of Hearing Loss", *Annual Review of Genetics 35*:589-646 (2001), XP-002294043 were previously cited in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 11, 2007.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application as defined under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Further, the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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